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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET- AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to firm on hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Demand light with no trading reported. Offerings of hens tight to sometimes adequate with offerings in the East not as short when compared to previous weeks, 16-24 lb. toms short to adequate with product the least available in the East. Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat and fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey (MST) steady to fully steady, strongest in the East. Trading centered on light volume of fresh tom breast meat and fresh MST with spot premiums noted on both in the East. Offerings of tom drums uneven with continued spot offers noted at lower price levels.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on light volumes of tom drums, tom 2-joint wings and frozen thigh meat. Tom 2-joint wings for export about steady at the 18 cent price level. Offering prices are noted at higher price levels on tom 2-joint wings than the 18 cents for export with no sales reported. Frozen thigh meat steady to fully steady.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 10, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 10 AUGUST 1999.

Trade sentiment mixed on tom drums with some sellers talking strength while others continue to find trading slow with unaggressive buyer interest noted. Tom wing demand light with full-cuts more active at the 18-19 cent price level than 2-joints at 22 cents. Some sellers are attempting to take advantage of the strong hen 2-joint market by offering hen 2-joints only if the buyer takes tom 2-joints, also. Tom neck trade sentiment steady to fully steady, hen parts at least steady. Frozen yearling hen breast meat (3 loads) 148 cents shipping point. For export: hen 2-joint wings (1 rail-car) 46 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	96.50	360
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00-19.00		18.46	13
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	18.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	18.25	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00		19.00	24
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	21.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		M	15.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	182.00	110
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	187.38	320
THIGH MEAT	50.00		50.00	5
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	49.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	108.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	72.50	80
TENDERLOINS	163.00		163.00	8
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	173.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	15.50	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	16.54	368
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	18.18	572
TAILS		F	16.00	124
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.00	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	52.00		52.00	400

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	92-94
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	76-79
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	76-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 11 AUGUST 1999 .

Undertone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) steady at best to fully steady with demand ranging from slow in the West to fair in the East. Undertone and demand on fresh tom breast meat strongest in the East, frozen steady with buyers bidding lower. Offerings of tom drums light to instances burdensome with offers still noted at 14 cents delivered, tom necks light to fully adequate with some availability noted in the West. Fresh MST offerings tight to instances fully adequate with spot availability noted out of Friday's production and others moving frames into offal instead of selling MST at current price levels.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00		99.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	18.46	13
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	18.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	18.25	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	19.00	24
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	21.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	22.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		M	15.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	183.00		183.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	188.50-195.00		191.00	250
THIGH MEAT		T	50.00	5
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	49.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	107.00		107.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	72.50	80
TENDERLOINS		T	163.00	8
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	173.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.50-17.00		16.50	240
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	14.00-18.00		15.69	360
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00		18.00	208
TAILS		F	16.00	124
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.00	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00-52.00		51.40	260

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA		W/E 8/11/99	
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1999-2000	-	45,549	45,549
1999-2000	-	34,325	34,325

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